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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 23, 2005, **ARCHIE DUNKLIN, JR.**, age 57, of DuQuoin, Illinois, and **JOHN L. TOLLIVER**, age 37, of DuQuoin, were sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **DUNKLIN** was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment (30 years), was fined \$500, and was placed on 10 years supervised release. **TOLLIVER** was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment (20 years), was fined \$500, and was placed on 10 years supervised release.

Both **DUNKLIN** and **TOLLIVER** were convicted by a jury of one count of conspiracy to distribute more than fifty (50) grams of crack cocaine. The conspiracy began in 2002 and continued through March 4, 2004, in DuQuoin, Illinois and in St. Louis, Missouri.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Perry County Drug Task Force pursuant to their participation in the Perry County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the system that will get them the most time.

In addition, the Perry County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation and has prosecuted a number of individuals in related cases in Perry County Circuit Court.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.